

CONFERENCE
GLASS ON
TAX RIDERHouse Members, Standing Pat
on 60-40 Plan, See Little
Hope of Agreement.

The first clash between the House and Senate subcommittee on District of Columbia appropriations came today, and no agreement is in sight.

For more than two hours the Senate conferees, headed by Senator Phipps, attempted to persuade the House conferees, headed by Congressman Davis, to accept the taxation rider of the Senate District bill, which abolishes the fixed ratio plan of distributing the expenditures of the city government and imposes a \$1.75 tangible tax rate on the city.

Jones Has Hopes.

Senator Wesley Jones, upon leaving the conference, expressed hopes that an amicable agreement would be reached, saying that the conferees had discussed general principles relating to District taxation and that, while there was a divergence of viewpoint, the prospects of an ultimate understanding were not remote.

Congressman Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, said that no agreement was in sight. From other sources it was learned that the House conferees will "stand pat" on the 60-40 tax plan that has been carried in the District appropriations bills for the past two years. Congressman Davis, chairman of the House subcommittee, is understood to be utterly opposed to any compromise with the Senate on this subject.

The other matters in dispute between the House and Senate were touched upon only briefly at the meeting today. The \$1,500,000 item to increase the water supply of the District was not discussed in detail. In some quarters it is believed the House will accept the Senate amendment, provided the Senate will abandon its tax amendment.

Long Deadlock Possible.

There is an excellent prospect also that increased Senate items with regard to the District will be included in the appropriations for the Armstrong Manual Training school, the Lovejoy and Phillips schools, will be accepted by the House.

The disagreement over the tax situation, however, appears to be deep and the House is likely to remain in deadlock for some time. Inasmuch as the conferees have until July 1 in which to settle their differences, no particular worry is being indulged in because of the deadlock. The conferees are not going to rush matters and probably will not meet again until the latter part of next week.

The House has had the traditional right to dictate the taxation policies for the District appropriation bill and intends to maintain it, according to the House conferees. The Senate conferees, however, declare that the Senate tax plan is directly in line with what the House has been advocating for more than a century. The House has always been opposed to the half-and-half plan, and a strong faction has favored the abolition of any fixed ratio between the Federal and District governments relating to local revenues for many years.

The Chief Obstacle.

This, it is pointed out, is exactly what the Senate bill provides for. The chief point of objection to the Senate bill is that it allows the District to be credited with more than \$4,000,000 of accumulated surplus in the Federal Treasury. The House conferees do not believe the District is entitled to this credit, although the funds have been derived from local taxpayers and have been held from utilization in paying for the expenses of municipal government in Washington only because of existing technical features in the existing law.

JUSTICE IS METED OUT
TO SEVERAL OFFENDERS

A sentence of three years in the penitentiary was given Edward Graham, colored, by Chief Justice McCoy, of the District Supreme Court, today. He had assaulted Bertha Williams with a knife.

Cleveland Smith, colored, received four years in the penitentiary, having been convicted in two cases of robbery. Charles F. Haner and Raymond W. Maxwell, young white men, were given one year each in Occoquan. They pleaded guilty to holding up William Becker and stealing \$71 from him.

Robert L. Cunningham, seventeen, and his brother, Jesse Cunningham, twenty-one, Jerome Clark, sixteen, French Burke, sixteen, Lawrence Webster, sixteen, and Henry Shepherd, fourteen, all colored, charged with altering dollar bills, were each given one year at Occoquan. Because of the youth of the offenders, the court placed them on probation.

LONG PLEADS NOT GUILTY
OF THREATENING WOMEN

George E. Long, indicted for using the mails for fraudulent purposes by sending threatening letters to prominent society women and demanding money, was today arraigned before Chief Justice McCoy, presiding in Criminal Court No. 1. Long entered a plea of not guilty. He is represented by Attorney James A. O'Shea. Long is charged with demanding from Mrs. Christian Hauge, widow of a former minister from Norway, and from Mrs. Mary Scott Townsend \$10,000 each to be deposited in specified places on penalty of personal injury and damage to their properties.

Have you a large nose? If so, you should be proud of it. Read in the Sunday Times why big noses and big brains are inseparable companions.

HEARD AND SEEN
BY BILL PRICEPENNANT WINNERS.
PECKINPAUGH
JUDGE
SHANKS
MILAN
HARRIS
JOHNSON
GHARRITY
BROWER
RICE
GOSLIN
COURTNEY
MOGRIDGE
ZACHARY
SMITH
JAMES R. MINSTER.No, Cordelia, Old Point Comfort is not a bed-cover.
TOM CULHANE.SHOULD WOMAN OR MAN
REPRESENT CIVIC VIRTUE?

We don't suppose the people of New York will pay much heed to our views as to the big row there over the MacMonnies statue it is proposed to place in City Hall Park, but there are amusing features about it all.

The artist represents Virtue as a gentleman standing with his right foot (shod by W. L. Douglas) on the neck of a woman who is supposed to be "Temptation." There is even some doubt as to whether Temptation is really a female or just a mermaid.

The artist sure had a mighty high conception of the virtue of a man and a poor one of that of a woman when he typifies man as the resister of temptation and evil. But the artist is usually a high brow, and if the statue is ever put in place nobody, fifteen years from now, will know what it all means anyhow. That's the way with true art. It's so allegorical, so fine spun in its theories, that ordinary humanity cares nothing for it.

Greek mythology tells of some noble gink who fought off the blandishments of a woman, but that about the only way we know of where a man ever did it. When a woman gets ready to "hook" a man she's going to do it, and the poor nut falls for it under the impression that his Adonis beauty and accomplishments have captivated her.

He swells up with pride like a Zeppelin balloon or a Norfolk town-fish and is sure that it is she who couldn't resist him.

But to present Man, and not Woman, as Virtue is far from the realities of life and could be done with success only by an artist wrapped in rosy conceptions of things. If anybody will show us a gent in real life who stepped roughly on the neck of feminine Temptation we will present one crocheted Georgia watermelon.

Woman is infinitely nobler and more virtuous than man, and in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred it is the deceitful male spider that lures the female into the web of trouble and sin.

INHOSPITALITY.

MY SPANISH friend whom I told YOU OFF some time ago said IN MY country when the AMERICAN GO to live or visit EVERYBODY RUN to their doors TO SEE him, bid him welcome, TALK TO him, bid him welcome, BUT WHEN see Spaneesh man COME TO thees countree EVERYBODY LOOK at him and say LOOK AT de wop! MAX PHUNNY.

U. K. COUNT DE CHANGE.

What's Doing Today
and TomorrowToday.
Meeting—Washington branch of the National League of Women Voters, at the Grace Dodge Hotel, 2:30 p. m.
Meeting—District branch of the Farmer-Labor Party at the Perpetual Hall, Eleventh and E streets northwest, 8 p. m.
Meeting—The committee for the minstrel show of the Women's City Club, at the club, 8 p. m.
Dance—Community service dance, 1012 Ninth street, dancing class, 7:30 p. m.
Meeting—The Select Club, at 2400 Sixteenth street, 9 p. m.
Dinner—Alta Club, Raucher's, 7 p. m.
Meeting—Public welfare committee, District Federation of Women's Clubs, 1215 Irving street northwest, 2 p. m.
Meeting—Executive committee, District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution, at George Washington University, 8 p. m.
Lecture—"Modernizing Russia," by Mrs. Margaret E. Harrison, University Club, 8:30 p. m.
Meeting—Ladies Auxiliary, National Capital Post, No. 127, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Pythian Temple, before honor pupils of the public schools, at the New National Museum, 10:30 a. m., white children—Colorful children, 2 p. m. Subject: "Bird Homes About Washington."
Meeting—"The Roberson Strangers' Club," in room 203, Bond building, 8:30 p. m.
Play—"If I Were King," by the Metropolitan Central High School, Thirtieth and Clifton streets northwest, tonight.
Twelfth and D streets northeast, tonight.
Bell A community singing, Achieve-NEARLY EVERYTHING.
(BY PAUL WHITE)

To borrow is but human; to pay back is not European.

If money talks the ruble surely must be cussing it's luck.

Let us be fair to prohibition. We may have it here some day.

It may be a peace treaty, but it started an awful war in the Senate.

About time for some one to spring the ancient one about making April 1st our national holiday.

Uncle Sam, to show that he believed in the golden rule, went forth and got most of the world's gold supply.

The allies refuse to pay expenses of American army in Germany. Must have got the idea from Congress.

The people of the District have as much right to have their votes not counted on election day as people in the States.

Government ownership of mines and railroads may come eventually but what we need most at this time is Government ownership of Government.

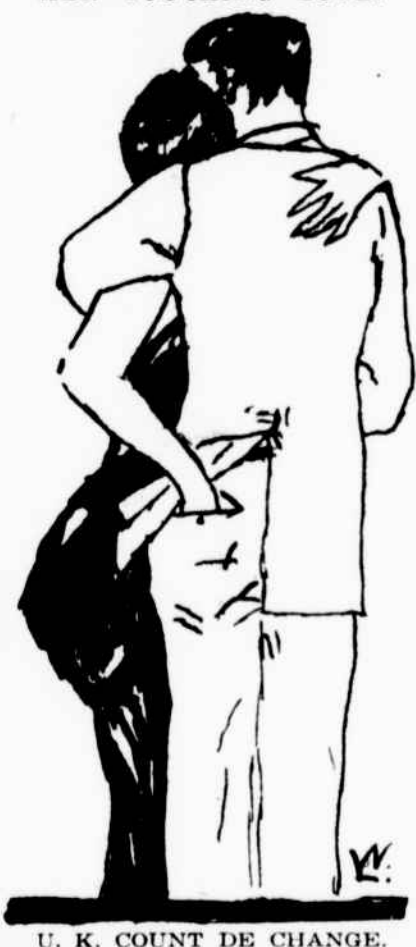
MARY GARDEN burst into tears when the Mayor of Portland and the Governor of Washington both kissed her in welcoming her and her grand opera company to that state. Most women burst into tears when you don't kiss 'em. So you never know what to do. KISSING JAKE.

He—Your eyes, they remind me of heaven; your teeth, your nose your graceful form, they remind me of Mary Pickford.
She—And you remind me, dear, of something I eat every Friday.
DAT-LOW.

TO DAD, OLD SCOUT.

Here is to Dad, a good old scout. I usually kept quiet when mother was about. Worked very hard, often 12 hours a day. And usually received very small pay. When he came home we all felt glad. Sometimes he was happy, sometimes sad. But somehow or other he always seemed cheered. When mother he'd see his face always cleared. Mother, always ready to soothe ache or pain. And wait on him until well again. Sometimes it was his heart or the rheumatism. But mother always seemed to know her his. Then his sadness and liver got bad. And mother made him a liver pad, 2 pieces of flannel she took and sewed, 2 pounds of liver in it she showed. He wore it 2 weeks in July he'd be well. But he got stronger, and the liver grew stronger still. MAX PHUNNY.

HER "TOUCHING" LOVE.



U. K. COUNT DE CHANGE.

BRIGHAM'S NEW
BOSS FOUND HIM
HIS HELPMEETRents Linked With Romance in
Story of Housing Bureau
Expert's Wedding.

Rents and romance are daily linked together, but here is a new slant on it.

In naming Henry A. Brigham, of Boston, to assist the citizens' housing committee in making its survey in Washington, Commissioner Cuno H. Rudolph unwittingly placed the Boston man under orders of the woman who was responsible for finding him a wife.

During the late war, Mr. Brigham was in charge of the housing bureau of the Labor Department. Mrs. Eli A. Helmick, chairman of the new citizens' committee, was his aide and detailed to look after the matrons and management of a number of boarding houses here where war workers were housed.

Needing an assistant, Mrs. Helmick called in Miss Hayes Breckinridge, daughter of the late Inspector General Joseph C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky.

Mr. Brigham, at the suggestion of Mrs. Helmick, employed her.

To make a long story short, Mr. Brigham married her in July, 1919, while cleaning up the loose ends of the housing bureau. In the meantime, however, Miss Breckinridge had succeeded Mrs. Helmick, who had resigned.

Now comes Mr. Brigham to serve as an aide to Mrs. Helmick in solving the housing problem in Washington.

Capt. Julius I. Peyser, member of the citizens' committee, was in charge of the housing bureau for the War Department during the war.

steering committee has been named to make a preliminary survey and to map out a program for half a dozen subcommittees, each to have a special, definite work. Captain Peyser is chairman of this committee. He has been out the city several days, but will return today and call a meeting of the committee for some time next week.

Mr. Brigham expects the committee to accomplish great good here. He is a member of the mayor's committee on rents and housing in Boston.

In the Massachusetts city, Mr. Brigham stated today on his arrival in Washington, more than 17,000 cases have been handled in two years at a cost of about \$1 per case. In 90 per cent of the cases handled the disputes have been amicably adjusted, and in the majority of cases increases in rents have been allowed by the committee and agreed to by the complainants.

A study problem for the Boston committee to solve was whether a landlord should raise the rent because of the arrival of a new baby in the family. The committee held that such action would have the attitude of taking a hand in birth control. This problem is expected to be found here.

BOARD TO BUILD VIADUCT
THROUGH QUACKENBOS ST.

A viaduct under the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad through Quackenbos street leading to Chillum Castle Heights will be constructed this year if the District Commissioners are able to secure the passage of the necessary legislation by Congress.

This was indicated yesterday when the Commissioners sent to Senator Ball, chairman of the Senate District Committee, a letter disapproving a bill now pending that would extend Rittenhouse street between Blair road and the Metropolitan branch. The pending measure would mean condemnation of considerable valuable property, it is said.

It is pointed out by the Commission that the Quackenbos viaduct would be more advisable and economical than the Rittenhouse street project, and would accomplish the same purposes.

DR. J. P. GOODE TALKS
ON "INDUSTRIAL JAPAN"

The unparalleled example of family perpetuation shown by the unbroken line of the Japanese Emperors for 2,600 years is typical of the Japanese and their institutions. Dr. J. Paul Goode told members of the Geographic Society last evening in a lecture on "Industrial Japan."

With tillable soil equal only to about one-fifth of the State of Illinois, the Japanese support 70,000,000 people, the Chinese 400,000,000. He ascribed their accomplishment to their task to the thoroughness with which they work. Pictures illustrated agriculture, silk production, wood working, basket making, pottery production, bronze work, ivory carving, and cloisonne work.

"BIG SISTERS" SOCIETY
PLANS TO INCORPORATE

Articles of incorporation were formally adopted last night by the Big Sisters Society. The incorporation of the organization was made next week. Reports on work of the society were made by Mrs. May Finerman, recording secretary; Miss Agnes Cotter, treasurer; Mrs. Irene Connor, financial secretary; Mrs. Thomas Brown, Mrs. Florence McAuliffe, and Miss Mary Bolen. The work of obtaining employment for girls in Washington was explained by Mrs. Margaret Talty, executive secretary. The chief difficulty, she said, was due to the fact that the majority of those out of employment are Government clerks without special training and are little in demand.

Civil Service Jobs Open.

Civil Service examinations for vacancies in various branches of the service were announced today. Among the positions vacant are those of matron in the Indian service, engraver, technical and scientific illustrator, auditor, and bookkeeper. Salaries range from \$720, with quarters, to \$3,000 annually. Information and application blanks may be obtained at 1724 P street northwest.

AUTOMATIC BANK ENCOURAGES
THRIFT AMONG D. C. CHILDREN

Here is an automatic savings bank, the first of its kind to appear in Washington. Installed in the Wallace School, it is a magnet for the pennies and nickles of school children. Although it has been in operation but two days, already \$100 has been deposited by the youngsters. The child drops a coin in the slot and out comes a pretty stamp which is pasted in a cardboard folder. When the latter is filled it is taken to a nearby bank and a savings account opened.

Education Board Job
Goes Begging And
None Accept

Wanted: Some long-suffering, patriotic, good-natured, and self-sacrificing public citizen to accept an appointment to membership on the board of education.

The vacancy created some time ago by the resignation of D. A. Edwards remains unfilled. The District Supreme Court judges who make the appointments have tendered the job to several persons, but all have declined.

Two names now being put forward by friends for appointment are Jesse C. Suter, a leader in local civic undertakings, and Alonzo Tweedale, sixteen years auditor in the District Government and recently auditor of the Shipping Board.

HARDING SCORES
LEVITY TOWARD
BIBLE AND LAW

President, in Church Talk, Deplores Disrespect for Prohibition Enforcement.

"More willing and frank obedience to the law of the land as a guaranty of the nation's safety," was the plea of President Harding, speaking before members of the Vaughtin Bible Class of the Calvary Baptist Church last night.

The President called upon the church "to put forth its utmost influence in inculcating an attitude of respect for the law." He charged that disrespect for the law is threatening the national future.

For the first time since Mr. Harding assumed office, reporters were barred from attending last night's meeting. Officials of the Bible class, who were present, distributed "handouts"—duplicate excerpts from Mr. Harding's address—to the barred newspapermen.

Though the President did not specify any particular law he believed being regarded too lightly, references made indicated to many that he was especially concerned with the prohibition law.

The President severely arraigned "people known as leaders, who in their communities become known for their defiance of some part of the code of law."

"They need not be astonished," he said, "if they presently find that their example is followed by others, with the result that presently the law in general comes to be looked upon as a set of irksome and unreasonable restraints upon the liberty of the individual."

The Bible class celebrated its thirty-first annual banquet. Membership, which totaled six thirty-six years ago, now exceeds 600.

WOULD RECLASSIFY ALL
DISABLED WAR VETERANS

A bill to improve classification of the physical conditions of disabled soldiers will soon be introduced in Congress, according to Congressman B. E. Sweet of Iowa, who spoke before the Greater Commonwealth Post of the National Disabled Soldiers' League at the G. A. R. Hall, 1412 Pennsylvania avenue, last night.

Those opposing the soldier compensation enactment were severely scored by Congressman Sweet.

Others speaking included John T. Nelson, commander, and Samuel Jackson, department commander, of the Veterans of the For-

MINISTERS WILL
STAY FOR LONG
STAY IN PARISHM. E. Pastors at Conference
Seek to Abrogate Rule Mak-
ing Term Four Years.

Ministers attending the Baltimore annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church this week do not want to be shifted from one parish to another as heretofore, but want their appointments to parish churches to be made indefinite.

A resolution providing that the appointment to a parish be made for an indefinite period instead of four years will come before the conference at this evening's session, it is expected.

Memorial services for the deceased clergymen were conducted at 10:30 this morning, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington presiding. The report of the benevolent association of the church showed that the fund had grown to \$2,600, which will be given to the families of deceased ministers.

A President Harding received the delegates at the White House at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Following the reception the conference went into session. Reports from committee members were read.

Delegates elected to the general conference to be held in Little Rock, Ark., during the month of May are: Clericals, the Rev. Dr. J. Howard Wells, presiding elder of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. H. H. Sherman, of Front Royal, Va.; the Rev. E. L. Woolf, of Baltimore, Md.; the Rev. Dr. H. M. Carter, of Roanoke, Va.; the Rev. Dr. J. H. Light, of Romney, W. Va.; and the Rev. Dr. C. D. Harris, of Baltimore, Md.

The lay delegates chosen were Judge E. D. Newman, of Woodstock, Va.; W. R. Cross, of Salem, Va.; L. W. Davis, of Baltimore, Md.; J. H. Bryan, of Staunton, Va.; W. F. Hammer and W. W. Millen, of this city.

The conference will adjourn Monday. During this session changes in pastorates and appointments will be made.

ROTARIANS MAKE TRAFFIC
PLANS FOR SUNDAY TRIP

Co-operation of automobilists Sunday in conjunction with the placing of a wreath upon the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington Cemetery tomorrow afternoon by the International Rotary Club, is asked by Col. William C. Rivers, commandant at Ft. Myer.

The following traffic regulations have been made for the ceremonies. Rotarians and their guests, in cars bearing proper labels, are to proceed via Highway bridge and Military road to the south gate of the cemetery. Guides will be stationed along route to direct them.

Washington-Alexandria traffic will be diverted at Highway bridge along lower road to Alexandria and the Military road will be reserved for vehicles of the general public, exclusive of Rotarians, from 1:30 to 4 p. m., or until the ceremonies at the amphitheater are over.

ALBERT SCHULTEIS HEADS
MEN'S CATHOLIC COUNCIL

Albert Schulteis was last night elected president of St. Paul's council, of the National Council of Catholic Men, at a meeting in the parish hall. Other officers elected are Lieut. Col. L. R. McAndrews, vice president; Henry Schmidt, secretary; and John D. Leonard, treasurer.

A short address on Roman Catholic education was given by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. James F. Mackin. The work of the Catholic Dramatic Guild was outlined by Joseph A. Atchison, president of the guild.

Aswell's Car Is Found.

The large touring car owned by Congressman James B. Aswell of Louisiana, which was stolen last night from in front of the Army and Navy Club, was recovered this morning on Thirty-first street, between M and N streets northwest, by Policeman J. F. Smith and Patrol chauffeur J. G. Arndes, of the Seventh precinct.

Mt. Rainier Firemen
Say Neighbors
Grab Credit

The Mt. Rainier fire department is on the war path.

Members claim that the Hyattsville department is trying to steal its thunder. They claim the Hyattsville men are taking all the credit for fire-fighting in the vicinity. Here's a portion of the less heated comment by a Mt. Rainier smoke swallower:

"The town of Hyattsville is larger than the town of Mt. Rainier, yet the fire department of the latter is rated far better in efficiency than the former. Mt. Rainier is supposed to be the second best maintained volunteer fire department in the State of Maryland."

"Whenever there is a fire of any size near Hyattsville, the fire company from Mt. Rainier is called on for assistance. Then the news correspondent at Hyattsville gives all credit to his home town. This has greatly angered members of the Mt. Rainier department."

"Recently there were several fires out of the Mt. Rainier precinct, yet the department responded, but did not receive any credit for doing so. At the last fire, in Hyattsville, the boys from Mt. Rainier were only three minutes behind the home town fire fighters, though they had five miles farther to go."

INSPECT SITE
OF HOME FOR
WEAK-MINDEDD. C. Commission Visits Blue
Plains Prior to Making
Report on Location.

Location of the proposed home for the feeble minded on a tract of land in the vicinity of the Home for the Aged and Infirm at Blue Plains was being considered today by the District Commissioners.

Members of the commission today visited the tract in question and will make a report to the Board of Charities which, in turn, will be transmitted to Congress.

An appropriation of \$125,000 is carried in the District appropriation bill, now in conference, for the initial expense of a lot and buildings for the proposed institution.

Certain members of the House Appropriations Committee object to appropriating to the appropriation until the Commissioners have some definite project, including a site, to offer. The Board of Charities and Board of Children's Guardians, which have been taking an active part in getting the legislation passed, asked the Commissioners to inspect the site near Blue Plains with a view to acquiring it.

There are now in the District between 900 and 1,000 feeble-minded children already listed who could be cared for in such an institution were it available.

The District officials had been slow to propose a definite plan or suggest a site lest Congress frown on the proposition on the ground that it smacked too much of a real estate promotion scheme.

SULLIVAN'S DAUGHTER IS
RECOVERING AFTER CRASH

Maj. Daniel Sullivan, Superintendent of Police, whose daughter, Margaret, was knocked down by a machine at Fourteenth and G streets, yesterday evening, said today that although she is confined to her bed her condition is improved. She suffered bruises about the body and shock.

Mrs. E. C. Thorne, 1343 Kalorama road northwest, whose automobile struck Miss Sullivan, visited the major's home yesterday evening and inquired regarding the condition of the chief's daughter.

"The matter is a closed incident, so far as I am concerned," the major said this morning. "It was an accident and Mrs. Thorne expressed sincere sorrow that the mishap occurred."

TAKOMA PARK
GETS FIVE-CENT
GAS REDUCTIONAffects 800 Odd Customers
Who Were Paying \$1.28
a Thousand.

A reduction of 5 cents per 1,000 cubic feet for gas sold to the 800-odd consumers in Takoma Park, Md., was announced today by Howard S. Reeside, president of the Washington Gas Light Company. Under a recent order of the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia, the rate in the District was reduced from \$1.10 to \$1.05 per 1,000 feet to domestic consumers and a 5-cent reduction was also ordered for wholesale consumers.

The new wholesale rate will apply to gas sold to the Montgomery county branch of the company and the 5-cent reduction will apply to consumers there.

The present rate in Takoma Park is \$1.28 per 1,000 cubic feet. The new rate will be \$1.23 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

A new schedule of rates has been filed with the Public Service Commission of Maryland. That commission last year reduced the rate in Takoma Park from \$1.35 to \$1.28 when a 10-cent reduction was made here. It was the sense of the commission in promulgating its opinion at the time that should a later reduction be granted for the District of Columbia, Maryland users of gas manufactured here should profit by it.

Had the gas company protested Takoma Park citizens would have appealed to the Public Service Commission of Maryland for a reduction. President Reeside, on his own initiative, however, ordered the reduction.

LEAPING WOMAN
IS ACCUSED OF
GRAND LARCENYMrs. Mabel E. Wilson Admits
Jump of Fifty Feet From
Palais Royal.

Formal charges of housebreaking and grand larceny were preferred at the First precinct against Mrs. Mabel Edith Wilson, thirty-nine years old, 518 Eighth street northeast, who was found yesterday morning in an unconscious condition in the alley in the rear of the Palais Royal department store, Eleventh and G streets. Police say the woman had goods stolen from the store in her possession when she was found. When she was admitted to Emergency Hospital it was found that she was suffering from a fracture of the leg, a deep wound in her scalp and cuts and bruises about the body. She admitted leaping a distance of fifty feet from a third-story window when she heard the watchman's footsteps. It was said at the hospital this morning that she is improving.

MASONS LAUNCH DRIVE
FOR 5,000 NEW MEMBERS

Initial plans for a 5,000 membership drive preparatory to beginning construction of the new Scottish rite cathedral, to be erected at Thirteenth and K streets northwest, were launched last night at a mass meeting of 400 Masons at the City Club.

J. Harry Cunningham, William D. Hoover and L. Whiting Estes, were appointed on the membership committee to draft plans for the drive. The committee will appoint fifty subcommittees, each consisting of ten members and a chairman. Speakers at the meeting were Perry W. Wiedner, secretary general of the supreme council; Monie J. Sanger, Joseph H. Milans, Carl Claudy, Judge Arthur B. Hayes and J. Claude Keiper.

CONTEST PROVIDES CAKE
FOR VETS IN HOSPITALS

Disabled ex-service men in Washington hospitals are eating cake today as the result of a meeting of the American War Mothers of the District last night in the Thomson School. The big feature of the meeting was a cake contest, following which the entries were distributed among the soldiers.

Judges from the Department of Agriculture awarded prizes to Mrs. Margaret Loveless, first; Mrs. George G. Seibold, second, and Mrs. H. C. Woltz, third. The war mothers will meet on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month in the Thomson school, Twelfth and L streets northwest. All mothers of service men during the world war are invited.

SCHOOL GARDEN PLANS
MADE AT STAFF PARLEY

Plans for the spring school garden were made at a conference between the staff of nine grade teachers of the District public schools and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Stephen E. Kramer, at the Franklin building, yesterday.

It was decided to start the gardens at the following schools: Henry D. Cook, Ludlow, Fillmore, Hubbard, Ketcham, Park View, Reservoir, Wallace, John Burroughs and the Willson Normal School.

Four of the teachers will carry the work through the summer months. It was decided the school gardens will be planted by the pupils under the direction of the garden teachers.

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